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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.** Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

- Previously submitted
  - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed
  - Amendment/Reply
  - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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  - RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
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**In re Application of:**

Cobbley et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/576,727

**Filed:** May 23, 2000

**For:** METHOD OF LOCATING  
CONDUCTIVE SPHERES UTILIZING  
SCREEN AND HOPPER OF SOLDER  
BALLS

**Confirmation No.:** 3108

**Examiner:** M. Trinh

**Group Art Unit:** 3729

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR**  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION. Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** appear on page 9 of this paper.

**Serial No. 09/576,727**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.